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AH passes 2022 budget

by SUE TIFFIN

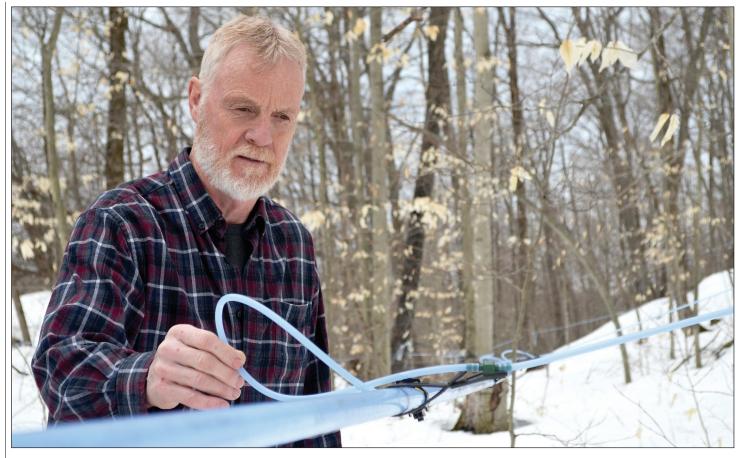
Editor

Councillors passed the township's 2022 budget last week. The budget includes \$14.6 million in total expenditures, \$5.9 million which will come from property taxation. This represents a levy increase of 4.16 per cent over last year, for a 2.33 per cent increase in the municipal tax rate. This equates to an estimated overall increase of \$14.94 for every \$100,000 of assessment for residential properties.

"Changes approved in final deliberations resulted in an overall decrease in reserves of 31.5 per cent, but remaining funds should be considered a reasonable reserve balance for a municipality of this size," said Jean Hughes, treasurer, in her report to council on March 17. "It was noted that the township is facing significant infrastructure needs going forward, and continued use of reserves without replenishing must be considered."

Some budget highlights include the Dorset Recreation Centre's mould remediation project, the continued reconfiguration of Maple Lake's landfill, and improvements planned for the Stanhope Airport.

The final budget summary is available to view at algonquinhighlands.civicweb.net.



Maple syrup time

Rick Wood, who together with wife Wendy manages Colour of Wood maple syrup production - almost 1,000 taps on treeto-tree pipeline that flows sap to their sugar shack on Peterson Road – checks the line on March 18. The maple syrup season started a couple of weeks late this year, but the sweet stuff is flowing now. For more photos see Page 11. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

AH to return to in-person council

by SUE TIFFIN Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a March 17 meeting of Algonquin Highlands council held virtually.

After two years of not meeting in person, Algonquin Highlands council has set a date to return to council chambers: April 7.

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Charging across the county

In January, electric charging stations were installed across Haliburton County.

The Park & Charge, Ivy's level two charging network, brings electric vehicle charging infrastructure to the Highlands in all four municipalities. On March 9, the company announced it has opened 32 level two charging stations in partnership with Haliburton County and other municipalities including Port Hope, Orillia and Newmarket.

"We are excited to partner with the Ivy Charging Network to increase the number of charging stations in Haliburton County," said Liz Danielsen, Haliburton County warden. "We hope to support residents and visitors in increasing the number of hybrid and

important step toward reaching our climate change goals and transitioning to a low carbon future."

"Algonquin Highlands is happy to be part of this project," said Mayor Carol Moffatt. "We serve a diverse public, particularly in relation to our seasonal and visiting folks, and there are an increasing number of hybrid and electric vehicles on the roads now. We look forward to considering the gradual expansion of charging opportunities to other locations in the township as part of our overall commitment to reducing our carbon footprint."

Ivy Charging Network, a joint venture between Hydro One and Ontario Power

electric vehicles in our community. This is an Generation with additional funding provided by Natural Resources Canada, opened its first Charge and Go location in 2019, and according to a March 9 press release plans to "connect Ontario from north to south and east to west." Learn more at ivycharge.com.

Two Ivv electric vehicle charging stations went live on Jan. 14 this year next to Minden's municipal building. Electric charging stations are now also located in Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al and Highlands East./SUE TIFFIN Staff



Increase to health unit's budget is COVID-related: MOH

by SUE TIFFIN Editor

An overall increase of \$3,634,196 - from \$22,550,474 to \$25,639,670 - to the previously approved Sept. 2021 budget was brought to the board of health for approval by Dr. Natalie Bocking.

The annual service plan has to be submitted to the Ministry of Health and includes the health unit's budget for the year of 2022.

Bocking said the changes were due to the health unit experiencing surge demands not previously experienced due to the Omicron variant and wave, in both COVID team and immunization.

"I think we knew theoretically what a different variant could do and demand of us," said Bocking. "But experiencing it has some realizations that hit home."

The Omicron wave also resulted in some Ontario Public Health Standards programs falling further behind, and catch-up costs due to that, said Bocking.

She also cited confirmed funding from the Ministry of Health for the school-focused nursing initiative to the end of 2022; communication of the ministry for a one per cent increase to the base budget, as well as continued one-time funding for ongoing COVID-19 response and recovery activities.

The one per cent Ministry increase totalled \$118,130, the school-focused nurses initiative resulted in \$336,000, the COVID one-time provincial funding was \$3,081,823 encompassing the general program, vaccine program and recovery, and other one-time funding totalled \$98,243.

Salaries were the largest component of the budget, according to Bocking, totalling \$2.152.181 with \$507.929 in benefits.

"At this point in time the ministry has not indicated the level of funding for a one-term commitment that will see the integration of COVID into our long-term communicable disease programming, hence why we're still continuing with some contract staff until the end of this year."

An increase in expenditures totalling \$974,087 is also noted

"Largely as a result of using actual costs from the first months of 2022, when we were in the midst of the Omicron wave, and the significant surge in COVID immunization demands," said Bocking.

She said she wasn't anticipating any changes, nor was she requesting any changes to the contribution of the municipalities.

"This is all related to provincial funding," she said, and was COVID-related with the hopes of recovery.

Updated health unit dashboard now shows cases by municipality

Changes to the COVID-19 dashboard include that data by municipality is now reported. At the time of the board of health meeting, data showed that in 2022, 81 cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Dysart et al, 64 cases in Minden Hills, 24 cases in Highlands East and 17 cases in Algonquin Highlands. Four hospitalizations due to COVID have occurred in Dysart et al, while one has occurred in Algonquin Highlands.

The dashboard now also shows historical COVID-19 data from March 2020 to December 2021, with 91 cases and one hospitalization reported in Minden Hills, 87 cases and one hospitalization reported in Dysart et al, 35 cases with no hospitalizations reported in Algonquin Highlands and 18 cases, two hospitalizations and the county's one confirmed death reported in Highlands East.

Reporting data by municipality is a new feature on the dashboard - previously, the health unit would not release that information despite media and public inquiry, citing "the legal responsibility to protect personal health information it has collected under various pieces of legislation such as the Health Protection and Promotion Act.'

Additionally, wastewater data showing seven-day average COVID-19 wastewater viral signal from Cobourg and Lindsay sewersheds as of January 1 is now available on the health unit's website.

"Given lab-confirmed COVID-19 case numbers are no longer a true measure of virus activity in the community due to limits on PCR testing eligibility, we are updating our COVID-19 dashboard to provide a clearer, more current picture of virus activity in our region," said Bocking.

In 2021, there were 594,713 click-throughs alone from the HKPR website to the online COVID-19 dashboard.

For more information visit hkpr.on.ca.

Education available to reduce animal bite occurrences

In 2021, the Environmental health team investigated 604 animal bites.

"This is huge," said Richard Ovcharovich, manager of the health protection division for the health unit. "Our animal bites have gone through the roof for the last five years."

Ovcharovich said the health unit is trying to reduce the number of incidents through education of the public, including presentations and information sessions.

The Keep Bites at Bay presentation for schools was made to 146 elementary students in Grades 1 through 7 at 11 schools in City of Kawartha Lakes.

"The invitation went out to all schools and all school boards but we only had requests come back from City of Kawartha Lakes Catholic school district," said Ovcharovich. "So we're hoping that we'll have a little more uptake this year in the other jurisdictions."

He said 20 animal specimens – seven cats, two dogs, one wolf, seven bats, two raccoons and one horse - had been submitted for rabies testing and all tested negative. Within the health unit region, 47 people were bitten by a wild or stray animal that couldn't be tested for rabies, so those bitten required post-exposure prophylaxis, or rabies vaccine, including 22 at Ross Memorial Hospital, 13 at Northumberland Hills Hospital, five at Minden's hospital and two at Haliburton's hospital, and five at Campbellford Memorial

Surveillance for ticks, West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis

In order to be added to the provincial Lyme disease map, spring and fall tick dragging has to occur in the same places. Tick dragging was conducted at 14 sites throughout the health unit's region in the spring and fall five times each in Northumberland County and City of Kawartha Lakes, and four times in Haliburton County. Through those sessions, 34 tickets were caught. Eight of those ticks tested positive for Borrelia burgdorferi, the bacteria or spirochete that causes Lyme disease. All positive samples were found in Northumberland County, which is considered an endemic area.

Three students conducted weekly mosquito trapping at 15 sites - five in each of the three counties (Haliburton County, City of Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland County) in the health unit district. Between June 10 and Aug. 26, 2021, 175 traps were submitted, with 18,444 mosquitoes collected. Zero pools tested positive for West Nile Virus, of 347 pools, or for Eastern Equine Encephalitis, of 20 pools.

"That does not mean we don't have West Nile or EEE in our community," said Ovcharovich. "It just means we didn't find

He said testing locations are changed from time to time, and are generally put in highrisk areas such as residential and school

Pandemic resulting in overtime

The Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, 1996, requires organizations that receive public funding from the province to make public by March 31 the names, positions, salaries and total taxable benefits of employees paid \$100,000 or more in the previous calendar year.

According to a report from Bocking, the health unit is reporting 27 employees who earned over \$100,000 in 2021, 10 more than

"That was all pandemic response related, largely overtime," said Bocking. "In a mix actually between individuals involved in actual COVID response, so case outbreak management, and then also vaccination, with vaccine clinics being high priority and lots of emphasis with very quick turnaround and roll-out times we had a number of employees that supported that initiative."

County	Municipality	Active cases (current)	Total cases	2022 Case rate per 100,000 population	Non-outbreak cases (cumulative)	Outbreak cases (cumulative)	Hospitalization s (cumulative)	Deaths (cumulative)
Haliburton	Algonquin Highlands	0	17	671.7	17	0	1	0
Haliburton	Dysart et al	2	83	1,217.0	70	13	4	0
Haliburton	Highlands East	0	24	682.4	21	3	0	0
Haliburton	Minden Hills	1	64	967.2	55	9	0	0
Kawartha Lakes	Kawartha Lakes	32	1,858	2,283.5	1,123	735	41	17
Northumberland	Alnwick/Haldimand	11	164	2,084.9	147	17	3	2
Northumberland	Brighton	5	195	1,540.9	175	20	8	2
Northumberland	Cobourg	12	368	1,805.2	232	136	7	1
Northumberland	Cramahe	5	111	1,719.1	98	13	6	1
Northumberland	Hamilton Township	7	150	1,224.6	134	16	3	0
Northumberland	Port Hope	5	234	1,344.4	152	82	3	1
Northumberland	Trent Hills	5	377	2,822.5	185	192	7	4
Total HKPRDHU	All Municipalities	85	3,645	1,906.1	2,409	1,236	83	28

Health unit shares new dashboard

In the March 21 update from the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District health unit, two new lab-confirmed cases were reported in Haliburton County. The database now includes current and historical data by county and municipality and wastewater viral signal data. Cases reported are those confirmed by PCR testing only, which is limited. /Screenshot from HKPRDHU

Library offers mileage rate increase to employees

by SUE TIFFIN Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a March 16 meeting of the Haliburton County Public Library

The rising cost of gas is leaving mileage rates in the dust. Chris Stephenson, Haliburton County Public Library CEO questioned the library's 45 cents per kilometre mileage rate, and how to more fairly compensate employees using their own vehicles to drive between branches to cover shifts or make deliveries.

He received about 25 responses to an online inquiry asking fellow library professionals throughout the province about the rates they are offering – one of the lowest he found was 54 cents per kilometre, but they were in the process of petitioning for a higher rate. Stephenson said the National Joint Council rate is 57.5 cents per kilometre, and the Canada Revenue Agency approves a rate of 61 cents. Stephenson said he's aware an increase to the rate would increase the library's mileage budget, which is already triple what it's supposed to be in part because of the library's spread throughout the county, regular delivery twice a week, and staff needing to cover shifts in Highlands East. The library courier will be driving about 1,600 kilometres a month.

He suggested purchasing a library vehicle would help those drivers anxious about driving their personal vehicles for work - currently the library is using a county vehicle until April and could help to offer services, such as running wi-fi from a van visiting Dorset.

County Warden and Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen said she had had a similar conversation with the county, which will be reviewing their mileage policy this

"Having rates that are half of what we're paying for gas, it's not sustainable at all, and it's not fair for staff to have to be out of pocket for something like that," she said. "I think that talking about the purchase of a new vehicle is premature, but I would really recommend highly considering an interim increase, to approve a much higher rate.'

The board supported putting something in place to offset costs quickly, due to the significant cost of gas at this time.

"Just as an example, my little Subaru, I could fill for \$50 a few months ago and now it's \$100," said Danielsen. "We can't ask staff to sustain that for any more than they already

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts said a quick Google search of mileage rates showed it's "shocking how low we are at 45 cents.

"I'd like to help folks out sooner rather than later," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt.

The board supported Stephenson increasing the rate to 59 cents per kilometre, reviewing that in a month's time.

End of mask mandate has frontline staff facing unknown

Stephenson said the province's dropping of the mask mandate has brought new challenges for library staff, who serve the public face-to-face. He said he "strongly encouraged" staff to continue wearing masks to protect each other, as colleagues often work side-by-side, but said the unknown came from patrons who might choose to not wear a mask.

He said the situation was likely to cause stress if there was a need for staff to enforce mask-wearing.

"I'm not willing to do that because I think it puts us in an uncomfortable position with people who are upset about masks," he said.

"It's a touchy subject but I'm just wondering about telling all the staff that they must wear masks," said Danielsen. "It seems to me that at this point in time it's a personal choice, that if they want to wear a mask for their own protection and for others then that's great and if they don't want to they shouldn't have to."

"It doesn't just strip us of the authority of enforcing a new policy but it puts the responsibility on an individual," said Stephenson. "We are in a collective workplace and we care about each other, obviously. What I'm proposing to do is strongly encourage. I'm not commanding anyone to do anything.'

Stephenson said everyone had the right to refuse unsafe work, though Moffatt noted that would be related to aggressive patrons as opposed to provincial guidelines.

"What I'm trying to avoid and what I think will be playing out in workplaces everywhere is difference of opinion that's heated," said Stephenson. "I can't control what the public is going to do but I can encourage staff to care for each other."

He added: "My fear is that if we're in a situation where someone does choose to exercise their personal choice, working alongside someone who feels strongly their safety is at risk, then I might just get a series of Leave of Absence notices and then I'm going to be having a hard time."

Stephenson said he didn't expect the suggestion to be problematic.

'We're in it together, we've been on the front lines for a very long time now," he said.

Easter weekend closure

Staff shortages have caused the temporarily closure of branches in Highlands East, as well as an unsustainable working situation in which administrative staff are covering in branches while also fulfilling their own roles.

Stephenson said the library is heading into the busy time of year in terms of programming, and plans to close all branches on the Saturday of Easter weekend, "to give everybody a chance to catch their breath."

Stephenson said that staff shortages as well as the change in mask mandate regulation is causing stress for all staff.

"I'm gauging the feeling and the vibe in the library right now and we've got a lot of work to do together," he said. "It's a busy time."

He said offering an extra day off would result in a loss of wages that day for staff, but also boosts morale. He said he could discuss with staff.

"But to be fair, we are having a hard time staffing the branches on Saturday and I can't do six days a week anymore, to keep them open."

The board supported his recommendation.

Stanhope branch remains closed

In his librarians' report, Stephenson said a group of concerned citizens had contacted the library to ask questions about the renovation details of the Stanhope branch, which has been closed since Aug. 2020.

Moffatt told the group that she had been contacted as well. As a result of COVID-19-related supply chain problems due to the pandemic, Moffatt said, reopening is waiting on the delivery of a door.

"There seems to be a misperception that the township has all the pieces and is just sitting on it and putting it on the back burner and I want to say publicly, to assure folks, that is not the case," said Moffatt. "We can't replace a door we don't have in our possession."

She said library services have been available in Dysart and Minden still, and the contractor is working on the pieces they can, at the Stanhope branch.

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(VIRTUAL) COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted virtually via web conference meetings, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

> March 24 - Special Council Meeting March 31 - Regular Council Meeting April 14 - Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/ or by using the direct link provided in the notice. Meeting agendas are not displayed during the meeting, please download by visiting our website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/. Please note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

NOTICE – SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING 2022 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will commence the 3rd round of its 2022 Budget deliberations during a Special Meeting of Council via web conference scheduled for

> March 24, 2022. Trisha McKibbin, CAO/Clerk

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Half Load weight restrictions are placed on roadways and posted each year in the spring for approximately 1-2 months. Persons contravening this regulation will be prosecuted under Section 122 of The Highway Traffic Act. Please watch for and obey posted

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

We are currently recruiting for the following positions within the Township:

Community Services Casual Operator Summer Students in Parks Summer Students at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre

Please email sprentice@mindenhills.ca or visit www.mindenhills.ca/employment-opportunities/ for more information.

DAYTIME BURNING REMINDER

Reminder that you will need a burn permit for daytime burning 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, from April 1st to October 31st. A burn permit is issued for the season at a cost of \$50.00. For more information contact the Fire Department at 705-286-1202.

FIREWORKS PERMIT REMINDER

Reminder that the discharging of fireworks requires a permit within the Township of Minden Hills. Contact the Fire Department for a fireworks permit prior to the ignition of fireworks at 705-286-1202.

Council meeting livestream will continue

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Since soon after the pandemic was declared in March 2020, councils across the county have been conducted virtually with councillors and staff meeting via Zoom, those meetings livestreamed to the public via YouTube.

Mayor Carol Moffatt noted the need for a discussion of everyone's comfort level and willingness to resume in-person

"If council chooses to resume in-person meetings, that everybody is going to have the utmost respect for the wishes of others so that if anybody has concerns or hesitancies they will be respected carte blanche so we can maintain a good working relationship and provide a safe environment for all," she said.

Councillors Julia Shortreed, Lisa Barry and Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen supported meeting in person again. Councillor Jennifer Dailloux was not in attendance at last week's

"It's been a long time - I have no problem at all coming back any time," said Shortreed. "I think we're going to see COVID around for a long time so basing it around that is irrelevant because it's going to just keep popping up its ugly head here and there.'

As of March 21, the provincial government removed mask mandates and regulatory requirements including passive screening and safety plans. Township staff have been told they're welcome to continue wearing masks if they'd prefer, as well as request that anyone coming in to their office wear a mask.

"It's a personal choice for all of us, everybody's got different comfort levels and I think it's going to take us a little while to work through it – what is normal going to be?," said Danielsen. "It will take us some time and we have to respect those wishes for sure."

Council meetings will continue to be livestreamed, and council chambers have been set up with new equipment to

Advisory committees, meanwhile, have not met since March 2020. Some members of advisory committees have expressed interest in returning to in-person meetings, while others are not interested in returning to in-person meetings yet, and other members have not responded or are not interested in carrying on as committee members after the hiatus.

The Oxtongue Lake community centre, Dorset museum and Stanhope museum committees and cultural resources committees will reconvene. The Stanhope recreation committee will be dissolved, which will be revisited in the new term of council. The environment committee and airport committee will be deferred until the new term of council, at which point a call for new members will be issued as membership numbers have decreased.

Busy year for building

In February, the building and bylaw department issued 14





Algonquin Highlands council met virtually last week, passing the 2022 budget and agreeing to meet in-person again next month for the first time in two years, since the onset of the pandemic. /Screenshot from March 17 meeting of AH council

building permits and four septic permits totalling more than \$18,000 in permit fees with a construction value in excess of

"Looks like we're on tap to be as busy as last year as far as permits are concerned," said Greg Moore, chief building official. In 2021, 346 building permits were issued in Algonquin

"It does point to another busy year, which is both good and bad, but it certainly shows the community's growing," said Mayor Carol Moffatt.

Lone Skin Lake landing project bidder

One proposal was received for the Lower Fletcher (Skin) Lake landing consulting and project management services RFP, for the amount of \$68,000. The entire project budget including construction is \$100,520.

Chris Card, parks, recreation and trails manager said the proposal was "significantly higher" than he would have anticipated, which was around 15 to 20 per cent that cost, but said he hopes to cancel the RFP process and instead enter into negotiation with the lone bidder, with possible revisions being charged per diem rather than an upfront lump sum. Meetings attended via Zoom would also reduce costs. Card asked council how they'd like to move forward, specifically questioning what level of involvement they'd like to have with design phases.

"Personally I think Chris knows what we need and we don't necessarily need to be involved on so many occasions with the discussion or the design aspects of the project," said Danielsen. "I'd like to see us go ahead because I don't think it will be cheaper in the future.'

The project would be completed by the end of next year. Card will report back to council at a future meeting.

Surface treatment tender bids come in high

Three bids from three contractors responding to a joint tender of the County of Haliburton and Township of Algonquin Highlands for surface treatment came in over budget.

Nordic Inn and Scenic Tower Roads require double surface treatment with a fog seal; Oliver and East Roads as well as Maple Ridge Drive require single surface treatment with a fog seal and Buckslide Road, Town Lot Road and Heron Landing Road require slurry seal.

Miller Paving bid \$368,613, Duncore Enterprises bid \$459,564 and Greenwood Paving bid \$559,706.

"The combined budget for these projects was estimated at \$331,150 excluding tax therefore at the lowest bid price the cost of the overall project will be over budget by \$37,463," reads public works supervisor Adam Thorn's report. He said staff had estimated the 2022 budget amounts based on a five per cent increase over the 2021 costs, but both increasing fuel and material costs caused the increase to be higher.

"The work hasn't changed, just the cost of materials," Thorn told council. He was asking council to allow for more funds to be brought forward to have the roads completed.

"This is a little red flag in the back of my head, it's very early in the year," said Moffatt. "We, during budget, certainly talked about the need to have more funds available and the uncertainty of project pricing. I don't know that we have much choice but we do need to be attentive to what it does to the bottom line."

Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen said, that, similarly to the Skin Lake landing project, the prices would likely not get better.

"I'm not sure that we can really afford to defer it," she said. "It's interesting to see the spread in prices from the three different bidders. I think we've probably been given as good a price as we can get and we should move forward."

Airport work's lowest bidder approved

In 2021, \$180,000 was budgeted for work around hangars at the Stanhope Airport, including drainage improvement and

Bids came in high - Weir Gradall bid \$297,597; Hawk River bid \$352,832 and Fowler bid \$491,242 – all excluding

"After review of the abnormally high cost estimates at the July 15, 2021 council meeting, council supported staff's recommendation to defer this project to a later time in hopes construction costs would be more reasonable," reads Thorn's report. At the March 17 meeting, he said the costs were not likely to get any lower as the cost of fuel and materials co tinued to increase.

"If the township continues to defer this project we could see major cost increases, and increased costs for repairs to the hangers as a result of the water infiltrating the buildings," he said in his report. "The lowest bidder has confirmed they will hold their pricing for labour, trucking and aggregate materials as listed in the bid submission. The only potential increased cost would be for the asphalt application which is expected to increase by 10 per cent. This increase can be covered under the contingency portion of the proposed contract."

Council approved the recommendation to award the bid to Weir Gradall at \$297,597 plus tax.

THINKING OF SELLING YOUR **HOME OR COTTAGE?**

BUYERS ARE EAGERLY WAITING TO PURCHASE A PIECE OF PARADISE IN HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS





Household hazardous waste events across county open to all

by SUE TIFFIN Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a March 10 meeting of Minden Hills council held virtually.

Residents of Haliburton County will be able to drop their aerosol cans, batteries, fertilizers and paint at any of the lower-tier municipalities' designated household hazardous waste days in 2022.

Through an inter-municipal agreement, the shared delivery of household hazardous waste event services enables residents to dispose of their waste in the closest municipality to them. Staff will be gathering data regarding the participation at each event to optimize them for future years.

'Cross-jurisdictional agreements, I hope this is the first of many in this form that come forward," said Mayor Brent Devolin.

The household hazardous waste day events in Minden Hills take place on May 28, June 24, June 25, Sept. 10 and Oct. 15.

Cattle grate acquired

At the Dec. 9 council meeting, councillors were presented with a report on the Wessel Road cattle grate, and the challenges encountered with its replacement.

One of the points in the report brought to council in December sought council approval to pay the invoice for emergency procurement of the new grate, which had been ordered and built. Tara Stephen, acting director of public works, noted that "in the confusion of the conversation," that part of the resolution missed being passed.

A single source procurement of a replacement cattle grate, at a cost of \$39,995 plus \$5,199 HST for a total of \$45,194 was approved last week, staff proposing that project, which was not budgeted for, be funded from reserves in the absence of departmental surplus.

In the meantime, the hole has been backfilled on a temporary basis, until the township can find a company that will affordably install the required footings for the unit.

"That work has since been done, now we're just looking for quotations for the footings," said Stephen.

To date, a contractor to install footings has priced the job at upwards of \$200,000, but staff is investigating alternatives.

"Obviously pay for what's built and hopefully a report in the future can be done for less than a couple hundred grand," said Devolin, who thanked the property owner who allowed the hole to be backfilled in the

Acting director of public works moves on

Stephen announced her departure from the township while speaking to a report about OSIM bridge inspections, to ensure the work is completed in her absence. The inspections, which are to occur every two years based on provincial regulations, have in recent years been conducted by Tulloch Engineering, who had performed the 2016, 2018 and 2020 inspections on time. Tulloch has offered to provide the services again, at the same rates provided in the 2016 tender, with a zero per cent increase.

"It is very important that this work not be missed in the 2022 work plan," said Stephen in her report. "At the time of writing this report, the current director of public works will not have time to prepare, issue and award a tender for a new consulting firm to provide this service. Given that the public works department is short-staffed and it is unclear when a director of public works will be hired, staff are recommending that the township accept the offer from Tulloch Engineering to ensure that the structural inspections are completed in time within the regulatory requirements." The cost to complete the work is \$12,350 including HST and falls within the 2022 draft operating budget.

"Thank you for thinking of us to have things in place, with your leaving," said Devolin.

CAO Trisha McKibbin thanked Stephen for her work with the municipality, including "her stepping up in the acting director role these last six months," saying Stephen went "above and beyond" in bringing forth a number of reports that day to ensure they were settled prior to her leaving.

Council approved the structure inspection renewal.

Canada Day road closure

Minden's Canada Day is back on after two years of cancelled or virtual events, and council approved road closures on July 1 this year, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Events will be advertised in local newspapers, and online via social media, and the road closures will be circulated to services such as EMS and OPP.

Ukrainian flag rising

Council received and supported two pieces of correspondence requesting the Ukrainian flag be flown at Minden's municipal building during the month of March in support of Ukraine and the local Ukrainian-Canadian community.

County urges province to end postponed property assessment

Minden Hills council supported a resolution made by county council on Feb. 23 urging the province to direct the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to end a postponement of province-wide assessment updates for the 2022 and 2023 taxation

Property assessments for the tax years since the onset of the pandemic in 2020 have been based on Jan. 1, 2016 current values, unless there have been changes to a property.

The county recommendation notes that the county is aware of a significant increase in property values within the county caused by increased demand for housing in this community, that increased demand leading to an increased population, which results in increased demand for municipal services, and that the continued postponement of property valuation translates into a significant loss of taxation revenues for municipalities.

A copy of the resolution was forwarded to the councils of each municipality in Haliburton County, as well as MPP Laurie Scott.









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This is fine

SUE TIFFIN

Editor

RATHER UBIQUITOUS internet meme shows a few panels of a 2013 webcomic from KC Green called "On Fire." The first panel shows a dog sitting at a table with a cup of coffee, flames engulfing the room around the table, and smoke billowing across the ceiling. In the second panel, a speech bubble has the dog reassuring itself, saying, "This is fine."

It's generally shared when people are trying to express the feeling of being overwhelmed but pretending everything is OK, and has been used frequently throughout the pandemic to mock government decisions that loosen restrictions (or "protections," as some have started to call them)

even in the midst of a COVID-19 surge. And that has happened, repeatedly, so that every time we almost seem to be clawing our way out of a wave, we get knocked back down by leaders too abruptly dropping what was working without always having the necessary data to support those decisions.

See Waves 1 through 6, Ontario.

It's one of the reasons the government's announcement to drop mask mandates (pour gasoline), directly after March Break when free time has allowed for travel (strike match), after very recently lifting vaccine mandates and before kids under five even have access to vaccines (drop match) while the Ontario science advisory table warns of an uptick in wastewater data and the more transmissible BA.2 subvariant becomes dominant (pour coffee) is so frustrating. That mandates are still in place on public transit, in long-term care and retirement homes, congregate care and living settings, shelters and jails but not schools – is nonsensical.

While mask wearing is now considered a personal choice, teachers at their place of work don't have

the same choice to avoid a crowd of unmasked people in a small space, nor do employees of private businesses, nor do students. Not all immunocompromised kids – or teachers – have a safe space now to attend public school leaving parents having to make unfair decisions.

While some people will choose to go to the grocery store without a mask on, that makes public spaces for those most protected with bidirectional masking less safe, less able to access that store where people aren't making an effort to protect each other.

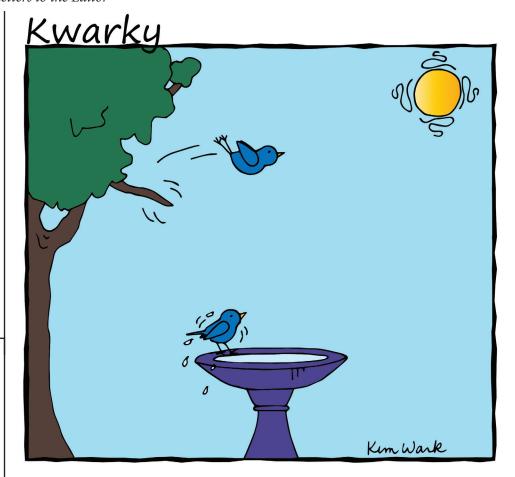
Ontario has come to a place where it can now manage the virus, is the messaging. But the province cannot

even manage adequate testing for the virus, which has been unavailable to most people since the Omicron surge began at the beginning of the year. Individuals should weigh their own risk, say the health experts, but the data is unavailable for informed choices (the science advisory tables say daily infections are likely

between 15,000 and 20,000.) We're still not hearing enough about the effects of Long COVID, or even that COVID is airborne.

We can learn to live with COVID, and that could include wearing masks for some time – they're not so uncommon in other places of the world where people mask up when they're sick or to avoid pollution. Doing so is one of the more sustainable measures we have – if wearing a mask keeps others safe, keeps ourselves safe, prevents the yo-yo'ing of lockdowns or major precautions, we can live with COVID without it being so disruptive.

Masking really should be one of the last things we have left. Now that it's not something we're all doing for each other, it feels like we're left drinking coffee – or perhaps a \$1 beer - in a room that's on fire.



Too many flies

HE OTHER day Jenn posed a question that I hoped she would never ask.

"How many flies does a fly angler actually need?" she queried.

I looked at her, suppressed my panic and then answered immediately.

I said, "Hey, did you do something different with your hair? I really like it."

Jenn was taken aback by the sudden compliment, but soon recovered. Then she went on to tell me that she had not changed her hair style at all but had tried a new conditioner which she really loved. Then she smelled her hair

and let me do the same.
And I immediately noted,
"Yes, it smells very nice

After that, she left, thankfully forgetting about her original question.

too."

But, between you and me, it was a very close call.

For what she asked was a question I don't even like to ask myself. It's the one every fly tyer fears most.

How many flies does an angler actually

As you might guess, it's complicated. The standard answer is three of each: one to fish with, one to use as a backup, and then one to sell your buddy in case you catch fish with the first two. In terms of what constitutes "each," you need to consider the fish you are targeting and the time of year. Then you need to factor in how you fish, the type of water, current speed, the rod, line and tippet you are using and your personal preferences and theories.

That means approximately 4,245,478 different types of flies, each in at least three sizes. Times three.

The good news is, if you don't have all these options, you have excuses as to why you didn't catch fish. And better still, you have more excuses to buy the flies or flytying material and hooks needed to fill these vacancies in your fly box.

Of course, there have been some fly anglers over the years who have purported to be successful with far less. My best advice is not to associate with them, because it increases the risk of passing this knowledge to your spouse.

I don't think I need to say this but, if your spouse discovers this, you have a lot

of explaining to do. He or she will then ask, why you have boxes and boxes of fly-tying material, several fly tying vises, dozens of books on fly patterns, and a room to tie flies in. Or, if you don't tie your own, he or she might wonder why your largest monthly budgetary expenditure heading simply says, "Stocking fly boxes."

The truth is fly tying or even just buying flies eventually becomes an addiction because it is fun.

Having flies for every angling occasion is the end goal here. But we all know that the goal is unattainable. There are far too many aquatic insects and other types of fish food out there to imitate.

So, if you just wanted to catch fish, you'd do best to tone it down a bit and fill a fly box for each category of insect and aquatic life that are important to fish. One box for mayflies, one for caddis flies, stoneflies, leeches, minnows, and so on. And eventually, you'll have enough flies to succeed anywhere in North America.

Then again, if you just wanted to catch fish, you'd use a worm and bobber.



STEVE GALEA *Beyond 35*

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Columns and Letters to the Editor

Cowboys in bow ties

THERE ARE a couple dozen versions of Psalm 22:20, depending on what Bible you read.

After watching the Oscar-nominated movie *The Power of the* Dog, I have a version of my own:

"Deliver me from bad storytelling, and my precious time from pretentious filmmakers."

Netflix's much-ballyhooed movie about toxic masculinity is pretentious and really bad storytelling. Thomas Savage, author of the 1967 novel, must be squirming in his grave over how director Jane Campion fuzzified his

The Power of the Dog is expected to win big Sunday night at the annual



JIM POLING SR. From Shaman's Rock

Academy Awards. It has been nominated for 12 Oscars, including Best Picture and Best Director. If it does, we'll have yet another example of a world that has lost focus.

This movie has no focus. It's based on a good story told so vaguely that it is hard to figure out.

Many movie goers like a movie that has them a bit befuddled and trying to figure it out. The good movies leave some clues that help solve the puzzle and make us proud at doing so. This one leaves us so few clues that we walk away frustrated.

Campion has chosen to satisfy herself instead of

her audience. She made a pseudo-intellectual film designed to gather prestige, critical acclaim and awards. The audience gets a collection of underdeveloped pieces that never come together to tell a powerfully interesting story.

The greatest fault of *The Power of the Dog* is its lack of energy. It's like looking into a bowl of freshly-cooked spaghetti.

It is sort of a western that has been criticized as a slow horseback ride. The opening 45 minutes would cure the worst cases of insomnia.

Strong criticism has come from American western actor Sam Elliott who described it in words that cannot be used here. He also said the cowboys in the film are like Chippendales dancers who "wear bow ties and not much else."

"They're running around in chaps and no shirts."

Good stories become great stories when left alone to tell themselves. They become lesser stories when self-centred filmmakers try to manipulate them into something that they are not.

Some folks who liked *The Power of Dog* tell me I need to watch it again to better understand it. Sorry, but once is enough. It has great cinematography and some decent acting, but wet noodle story treatment.

The only other Oscar-nominated film I've seen this year is West Side Story, the recent adaptation of the 1961 musical classic that won 10 Oscars. This new one, done by Steven Spielberg, is nominated for seven.

It is a great movie because Spielberg and company have not tried to turn the basic story into something it isn't. They've let it tell itself, making changes needed to put it into the 21st century, but the basic story, and its important messages, are the same.

One brilliant change was the replacement of drugstore owner Doc with his widow, Valentina, played by 90-year-old Rita Moreno, who won a best supporting actress Oscar for her role as the fiery Anita in the 1961 version.

In the new version Moreno sings (in her own voice) "Somewhere," the iconic ballad that yearns for "a new way of living . . . a way of forgiving." In the original movie, it was a duet by star-crossed lovers Tony and Maria.

Unlike The Power of the Dog, West Side Story leaves no audience puzzled. Its themes of tribalism and bigotry are crystal clear. It is a well told story of a world torn apart by racism, poverty and lack of hope.

It is, however, a story in which leave opens the possibility that love can prevail and make the world a better place.

I won't guess which movies will take away Oscars Sunday night. It doesn't really matter to me. Awards are simply awards based on someone's

As my mother use to say about such things:

"Everyone to their own taste, said the old lady as she kissed the cow!"

What really matters is that great movies are being made from great stories. The Power of the Dog, in my view, is not one of them.



March's Worm Moon

The full moon seen on Thursday last week was the second last of the winter, marking the end of the season and the start of spring. /DARREN LUM Staff

letters to the editor

Maintaining Haliburton's history

To the Editor,

There currently is a proposal to erase the history of one of our first settlers by changing the name of Brown Island in Soyers Lake. Haliburton Genealogy confirms the Brown family was enumerated as a farm family in the 1881 Canadian census living in Minden township.

George Brown and his wife Annie Heard were married in 1901. In 1921 George Brown obtained a Crown Patent for Brown Island. George died in 1939 and Annie died in 1960. They are buried in Haliburton's Evergreen Cemetery.

An applicant has applied to the Ontario Government to change the name of Brown Island to the name of his contractor friend. This process should not be about crediting a contractor friend but about maintaining Haliburton history. Haliburton has several other very good contractors. The applicant should look at other ways to honour Lee Blair without destroying Haliburton history. He states in the newspapers "confusion

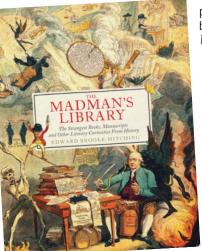
about the island's name" and gives other names. In my family's connection to the lake since 1956 that is not correct.

All pertinent maps refer to the island as "Brown Island" including Canadian Topographical, Ontario Lakes, Google, Backroad Mapbook, Soyers Lake News Letters, and Haliburton County 911 Address Book (released 2005). There currently is an Ontario Government survey ontario.ca/page/geographic-names requesting opinions regarding the name change from "Brown Island" to "Lee Blair Island."

To provide your opinion regarding this, please fill out the survey which must be submitted by March 31, 2022. Destroying the honour bestowed upon our original settlers, the Brown family, our history and heritage should not be allowed.

> Ron May Minden

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by SUE TIFFIN

Editor

County councillors are expecting to see a "clean" version of the shoreline preservation bylaw at a meeting in April.

In a three-hour discussion on March 9, councillors reviewed recommendations of the draft bylaw section by section, asking questions of definitions, looking for clarity on details including what constitutes a minor or major project, and largely expressing support of a 20-metre setback distance, rather than the 30-metre buffer zone recommended by consultants that had been met with public criticism.

The county began the process of creating a shoreline preservation bylaw aimed at protecting lake health in 2017, opting in 2020 to scrap the in-house process that had been undertaken and instead hire a consultant to help create what had been a significantly controversial project. Since then, numerous opportunities for public feedback have been available through surveys and open houses and a draft bylaw has been created and then reviewed numerous times.

Minutes into the meeting, county warden and Algonquin Highlands mayor Liz Danielsen said it wasn't her expectation that the document would be passed that day, instead that councillors would discuss revisions with Jason Ferrigan, a senior planner from engineering and planning firm J.J. Richards and Associations, and Steve Stone, the county's director of planning, who were also in attendance at the virtual gathering.

The buffer zone recommended in the plan that restricts site alteration and the removal of vegetarian within 30 metres of the high-water mark around waterbodies was discussed by councillors, with most agreeing they would support a zone of 20 metres instead, though a 30-metre zone is the provincial standard and also noted in local official plans. Currently the county's existing tree preservation bylaw prohibits the cutting of trees within that area, known as "the ribbon of life," for its ecological importance.

"We've looked at it and looked at it and looked at it but the

one outstanding thing is the setback distance," said Danielsen. "Are we going to stick with the 30 metres that's been recommended and is consistent with other county documents, or are we going to get into a bidding war for different distances?"

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt noted that consultants and previous conversations had said that there's "still a good level of protection," at 20 metres.

Highlands East Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall said he didn't support 30 metres, as "there is really not a great amount of difference between 20 and 30 metres," and said of the people who responded in the community, 63 per cent wanted the setback to be 20 metres or less.

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin said he still supported 30 metres but said for him the "ultimate goal" was passing the bylaw even if not all of the elements were to his liking.

Danielsen said her preference for a 30-metre setback was based on consistency and the recommendations they had received, but said she was open to 20 metres if that's what everyone else was agreeing to, with the opportunity to correct the number later "if we find we've made an error."

Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy said he would prefer 10 metres, or 15 max, "to be consistent with the province of Quebec. I'll live with what the other councillors are saying but that's my personal vote."

Ryall, Moffatt, Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton, Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts and Minden Hills Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell all supported a 20-metre setback.

Moffatt said there are external factors that have been acknowledged that also make an impact on shoreline health.

"Wakeboats, invasive species - we spent more time on a shoreline bylaw than we've ever talked about invasive species - the damage from geese, we now have cormorants in the area and they are a disaster," she said. "Climate change is going to heavily impact fluctuating water levels which really impact our shorelines because we don't have the same steady littoral zones that other non-reservoir lake systems would have. I think it's important to continually be attentive to those



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—LIZ DANIELSEN, COUNTY WARDEN AND ALGONOUIN HIGHLANDS DEPUTY MAYOR



factors that are incredibly frustrating, beyond our control, and that we are asking property owners to bear the burden of their half of the lake health, when there's nothing we can do about the other side of it. That continues to be a real problem."

Danielsen said councillors would continue following through with upper levels of government to "hammer away at some of those issues in whatever way we can."

Moffatt also stressed the need for a plan for public education and for information in a simplified manner so property owners wouldn't have to sift through the bylaw for answers.

Changes requested during the March 9 meeting will be made to the bylaw, which will come back to council in April along with a step-by-step implementation policy.

For more information on the draft bylaw visit https://haliburton.civicweb.net/ or watch the meeting in its entirety via the County of Haliburton YouTube page.

letters to the editor

Support climate action this Friday

To the Editor,

Are you concerned about the provincial, national, and global lack of commitment to respond effectively to our climate crisis? Do you feel that the measures over the last couple of years required to control the spread of COVID-19, including the great financial costs, have in addition to the global human suffering resulted in another serious delay in climate action? Have you missed being together with family and friends but also want to work directly with other people towards social justice and environmental protection? Do you believe that participatory democracy demands of us something more than casting a ballot every election cycle? Well friends and neighbours of Haliburton County, you are not alone!

Community members and visitors of all ages are invited by Environment Haliburton! and Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County to join together this Friday the 25th from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at Haliburton Village's Head Lake Park. While gathered in front of the old locomotive you will be participating in a Fridays for Future (FFF) "# PeopleNOTProfit" peaceful, global action for climate change. Like the folks in Bracebridge, Peterborough and Huntsville, we will be joining millions on all continents in 700 locations!

Why strike? FFF knows not enough is being done to limit global warming, unites behind the science, and wants those in power to take the facts seriously and act accordingly. "We strike for our own future but also for the future of coastal peoples, farmers, Indigenous people, and others who are already suffering because of climate change. Scientists have been demanding this for 50 years and haven't been listened to, and that is why we are taking to the streets. Non-violent protesting is an effective way to bring change."

Come join us on Friday. If you're driving by please give us a friendly honk or wave.

Retired HHSS teacher Tom Regina named Green party's candidate

Haliburton resident Tom Regina has been nominated as the Green party's candidate for the Haliburton–Kawartha Lakes–Brock riding in the upcoming provincial election.

A resident of Haliburton for more than 30 years, Regina taught music and was the Head of Arts at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

"I'm concerned about the divisive political culture that stands in the way of putting forward real solutions to improve people's lives – Green solutions like affordable housing, accessible transit and good, green jobs," Regina said. "We need to start collaborating more in politics and focus on building a greener, more caring and equitable Ontario."

As a teacher in a rural community, Regina has seen the challenges faced by many families regarding equitable access to housing, transportation and jobs reads the press release announcing his nomination. Regina is an advocate for arts education and community building through arts participation and a founding member of two community choirs, a local music festival for students of all ages, and the Highlands Summer Festival, which provides theatre experience for community members in a semi-professional setting.

"Tom is a long-time resident and member of the region and understands the key challenges facing the area," said Ontario Green Leader Mike Schreiner. "He gets it. He's a strong community builder and will be an authentic and real voice for his neighbours at Queen's Park."

The provincial election will be held June 2.

- Staff



Tom Regina has been nominated as the Green Party of Ontario's candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock ahead of the 2022 provincial election. /Submitted photo



John Gibb

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A.P.E. Training expands to new downtown Minden gym

by STEPHEN PETRICK

Special to the Times

Minden will soon have some more muscle, as the owner of A.P.E. Training is expanding his business and getting ready to open a new downtown gym.

Owen Flood is getting ready to open a new gym called Spot 97 Fitness Centre at 150 Bobcaygeon Road (formerly Bwana John's). Flood hopes to have the new space operating after Canada Day.

It will be a monumental moment for Flood, who currently runs A.P.E. Training at 83 Maple Avenue. That business helps local hockey players get in tip top shape. A.P.E. stands for Athletic Performance Excellence.

A.P.E. Training has about 500-square feet of space, however by opening a new business on Bobcaygeon Road, Flood will now have about 1,400 square feet of space to help

The new location will allow for more weights, more cardio equipment and even an artificial turf area, for fitness activities that require an outdoor-like space.

Flood, like many people in the fitness industry, is expecting 2022 to be a bump up year, given that COVID-restrictions limited people's ability to go to gyms for most of the past two years.

"I think things will pop up a bit," he said. "More people will want to do physical activities, whether it's indoors or outdoors people have been cooped up. Now, things are starting to look up again."

Flood plans to still offer specific training programs for hockey players, but his intention is to expand his services to the general public. A.P.E. Training evolved out of his love for hockey. He was once a Junior C player with the Provincial Junior Hockey League's Dundas Blues. But when his time as a competitive hockey player ended, he began working with other players, to help them perform. He has since connected with several Haliburton Huskies players and has helped them work on off-season training programs.

But, of course, gyms aren't just for elite athletes. Flood has found that he enjoys helping everyday people learn about fitness.

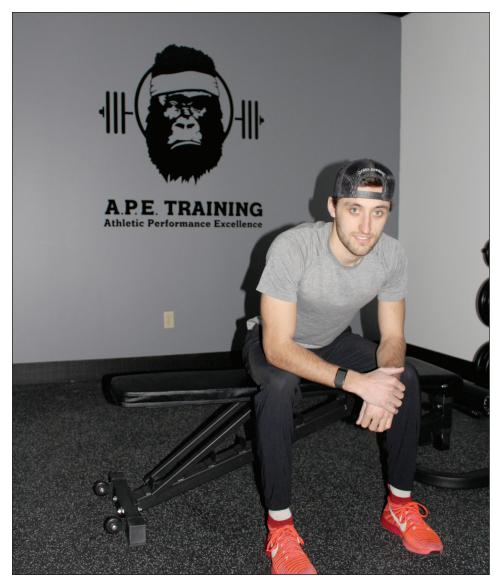
"I like to see people come in and try to better themselves; to be part of that is fulfilling as a trainer," he said. "I think everyone has a reason and not everyone's is the same."

He wants his gym to be a welcoming space, as he believes that gyms should also be an important place for socializing. They provide people with a fun atmosphere, and motivate people to come out.

"It's a good way to meet new people, to keep motivated, to have support. If you're working out at home, it can be tough," he

For more information on A.P.E. Training visit, www.apetraining.ca/

Owen Flood is pictured at his business, A.P.E. Training in Haliburton. He's getting ready to open a new gym in downtown Minden on Bobcaygeon Road at the former site of Bwana John's. /Submitted photo





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Minden Health Care Auxiliary in need of more members

by SUE TIFFIN Editor

For more than 20 years, the Minden Health Care Auxiliary has offered a strong support to the Minden hospital and Hyland Crest long-term care facility, helping when and where they are needed to help fund essential items and equipment.

Now, the auxiliary needs help themselves, in the form of

"Our membership continues to decrease for several reasons," said Anne Stephens, auxiliary president, noting the group had 50 members at one point but has lost many through attrition and aging. "We have reached a tenuous time with the membership decreasing to the point we might have to disband the auxiliary. This would be very unfortunate as we help to fundraise for items that hospitals are not able to purchase.'

On average, prior to the pandemic, Minden's Health Care Auxiliary raised about \$15,000 annually through fundraising efforts such as the Wine on Wheels raffle, tag day, Christmas lunch, live theatre events and silent auctions.

"What the general public doesn't understand is that the government gives money to hospitals for their operating budgets, but not their capital," said Stephens. "If things like a stretcher breaks down and can't be repaired, they don't always have the money to buy a new stretcher. So they come to auxiliaries Hospital for 40 years, knows the value of helping to support and ask, can you help support us?"

The auxiliary has supported Hyland Crest and the emergency department over the past few years through donations from the community, gift shop sales and fundraising efforts by funding two compassionate care suites, and purchasing items for food preparation, wheelchair steamers, airway management and elevated tables for the dining room – often equipment that makes healthcare provider's jobs easier, and helps make life better and safer for residents and patients. Most recently the group gathered to donate \$10,000 – money raised despite the pandemic - toward the implementation of a new nurse call bell system at Hyland Crest.

"The fact that we had numerous donations come in, even during COVID, we were able to present the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation with that cheque, that was pretty impressive," said Stephens.

Minden Health Care Auxiliary members come from throughout the county. Meetings take place every two months, usually, with an AGM in November and fundraising events through the year. Volunteers can be any age, and should be interested in helping the community, said Stephens.

"Anyone who can bring new ideas, people who are willing to work as a team, and just basically help raise money for the local hospital - to make it better," she said.

Stephens, a retired nurse who worked at Toronto General

vital healthcare needs.

"One never knows when we will require their services," she said.

For more information about the auxiliary, to volunteer or donate, contact Marie at lennards@interhop.net.



Woman of Song

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School alumnus Cassidy Taylor performs for close to 100 people at the Women of Song concert on Saturday, March 19 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton, as organized by the Haliburton County Folk Society. The concert included area singer and songwriter Jess Knights, who was accompanied by local musician Nick Russell. The next concert is with singer and song writer Steve Poltz on April 23 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton. For more information about the upcoming event and the Folk Society, visit www.haliburtonfolk.com. /DARREN LUM Staff



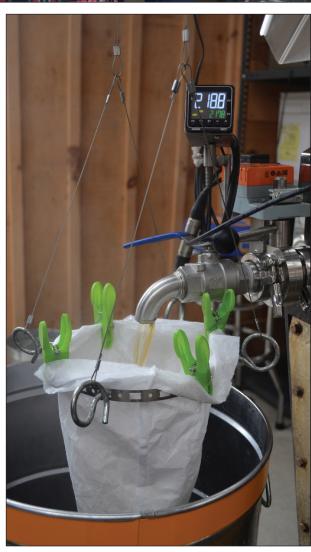




Season of sweet stuff

Rick and Wendy Wood operate Colour of Wood on 25 acres at their home at 1255 Peterson Road in Minden. Rick wanted something to do during retirement, and said "I was a lousy golfer, I needed a hobby." So, maple syrup became part of the plan in his "downtime," a hobby that became a fulltime business. /Photos by Sue Tiffin

An automatic draw-off was equipment suggested to Rick by his cousin, also a maple syrup producer. The automatic draw-off can control the exit temperature of the syrup, with the syrup leaving the evaporator at around 218 degrees. The Woods collect about 1.1 litre per tap, so Rick said when the sap is running, he's out boiling until 10 o'clock at night.





Rick uses a refractometer to determine sugar concentration, looking for about 66.5 per cent using the Brix scale.



Wendy offers a sweet sample - still warm - of fresh syrup in the sugar house located at Colour of Wood. The very first runs are said to be the most nutritious, she said, containing the most vitamins and minerals. "Waking up the tree," added Rick.

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Huskies taking best shot to claim East Division

by ALEX GALLACHER Special to the Times

In a rare treat, the Haliburton County Huskies played three games back to back to back. Taking on the Mississauga Chargers, Trenton Golden Hawks and Caledon Admirals, the Huskies won all three games to set their win streak at a franchise record seven games in a row.

On Friday, March 18, the Chargers were the unlucky victims of the Huskies red hot offence. The team's top scorer Oliver Tarr got the party started 24 seconds in, blasting a shot past Julian Molinaro to put the Huskies up 1-0. Bryce Richardson added his first tally on the powerplay three and half minutes later to double the Huskies' lead, 2-0

Rookie AP (Affiliate Player) Declan Bowmaster made his claim for why he should be a permanent member of the team next year, after being called up from the Oshawa Generals AAA team he made his mark. Bowmaster hit the post on his very first OJHL (Ontario Junior Hockey League) shot, nearly scoring. His shot was then bashed in by West Guilford's Joe Boice for his second goal of the season. Bowmaster added another assist, after he set up Jonah Cochrane to make it 4-0 for the Huskies.

Tarr added his second of the period, before Chargers' player Jack Ziliotto snuck one past Christian Linton to make it 5-1. The final goal of the period come from an Isaac Sooklal deflection, at the end of the first giving the Huskies a massive 6-1 lead.

The rest of the game's goals came during the second period.

Peyton Schaly added his 15th of the season, while Mississauga's Ryan Schaap tipped one past Linton. Tarr completed his hat trick on the power play, bringing his season goal total up to 30. Sam Solar-ino got the Huskies' final goal, while Mississauga's Owen Sclisizzi made it a 9-3 final in favour of the Huskies.

With three assists on the night, Bowmaster's first OJHL game was a beaming success. Coming out of the gate strong, Bowmaster only found out he was playing two days prior to the game. However, he is eager for more.

"It's an amazing opportunity," Bowmaster said. "To come up here with a great organization and have a great game, it's a lot of fun and it was a good team win. I found out I was playing two days ago. I came up for practice and coach [Ryan] Ramsay asked me to play. I wasn't going to turn that down, so I'm thankful I got to play."

On Saturday, March 19, the Huskies took on their arch rivals the Trenton Golden Hawks. With Huskies starting goalie Christian Cicigoi sitting out as a healthy scratch, it was up to Linton to play the game of his life and he delivered.

After the first period saw neither team score, a fast paced aggressive game gave the capacity crowd in Minden lots of hype for the second. Bryce Richardson thought he had the first goal of the game, however the referees called it off. The ruling was the net was a few millimetres off the moorings, and with that the game was still tied.

A few minutes later, the first goal of the game finally came. At 6:17 of the second, Čameron Kosurko used some excellent vision to give Solarino a juicy rebound who buried the puck to give the Huskies the lead. In another stroke of luck, another goal was called off by referees. Richardson tipped in a point shot, however the officials declared it was hit with a high

The Huskies did however get the goal



Haliburton County Huskies forward Oliver Tarr rushes past Trenton Golden Hawks defender Tanner McEachearn during Ontario Junior Hockey League action on Saturday, March 19 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The Huskies beat the visitors 2-1 in regulation, with goalie Christian Linton earning the win with a 40 save performance. /DARREN LUM Staff

back. Schaly picked off Trenton's Ryan O'Toole and darted towards the net. Ethan Taylor made the initial save, but Christian Stevens was there to knock in the rebound and double the Huskies lead.

The third saw the Golden Hawks toss everything they had at Linton. However, one more disallowed goal would go in favour of the Huskies. A point shot from Huskies blueliner Nathan Porter found its way in, but apparently nobody saw it and the teams played on while the Huskies protested the goal that should have

With big hits being delivered by both teams, the Golden Hawks were at the mercy of the penalties. Taking four penalties during the game, Trenton's Aiden McIntosh was able to finally find the net by tipping in a Dalton Bancroft shot. However, that would be it for both teams in the scoring department. Trenton pulled their goalie to mount an all-out assault on Linton, but an Austin D'Orazio slash to Solarino's head put the Huskies on the powerplay and the blue and white sealed the deal for the 2-1 win, which capped number six in a row.

With the Huskies locking down a playoff spot earlier this week, this game against the Golden Hawks was important as it showcased how close the Huskies' first round playoff matchup could be. With the Wellington Dukes pulling away with first place, the Huskies still have a chance to move up in the standings, but will need to be perfect as the season con-

Huskies goalkeeper Christian Linton played the game of his life and picked up win No.3 of the year. After a rocky start to the season, the goalie from Elora, was back in goal against the Caledon Admirals and was ready to complete the sweep.

After losing to the Admirals back in February, Caledon came to the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on a 13-game losing streak. Despite the visiting team's efforts to snap the streak, the Huskies



Fans of the Haliburton County Huskies cheer after a goal was scored against the Trenton Golden Hawks during Ontario Junior Hockey League action on Saturday, March 19 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The Huskies beat the visitors 2-1 in regulation, with goalie Christian Linton earning the win with a 40 save performance.

red hot scoring was far too much to overcome. Huskies blueliner Jack Staniland got the party going smacking in a Schaly rebound, then Tarr tallied goal No.31 to double the lead, 2-0.

In the second period, Lucas Stevenson and Christian Stevens scored to make it 4-0 Huskies. The Admirals would get their only goal of the game by Josh Sinanan, but not after the Huskies added two more from Stevens and Lucas Marshall for a 6-1 lead.

Huskies forward Simon Rose netted the final goal of the game as the Huskies won 7-1. The Huskies went three for three and walked away with six points in three days, outscoring their opponents 18-5. The Huskies will carry momentum from this perfect home stand to Mississauga on Wednesday, with a seven game winning streak on the line.

The next home game will be on Saturday March 26. Puck drops at 2:30 p.m. It promises to be a heavyweight tilt against the Wellington Dukes followed by a rematch against the Trenton Golden Hawks on March 27 at 3:30 p.m.

Playoff picture:

In the likelihood the Haliburton County Huskies win all their remaining games, they could finish first and face fourth place Cobourg Cougars as the top team in the East Division for the first round of playoffs. If the opening round were to start today, the Huskies would play the Trenton Golden Hawks in a best of three game series.

Snowmobile season runs out of snow

by SUE TIFFIN Editor

As spring begins, the snowmobile season ends, with the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association calling an end to its 50th season on March 16.

Due to weather and a lack of significant snowfall, the 2021/2022 season had started three weeks late, but stretched a week longer than usual and saw HCSA membership grow significantly.

"It was a very challenging winter," said John Enright, HCSA president. "Lots of ice, hardly any snow, hard on the grooming machinery and the novice rider, and three meltdowns spaced ten days apart."

Warm weather last week ended the season. "We have shut down the trails because we

cannot deliver a safe, rideable, intact experience," said a post on the association's social media. "Thanks to the weather and a snow deficit, HCSA trails are closed."

The association maintains a 370-kilometre trail network throughout the county over the

Enright thanked landowners who allow HCSA trails on their properties with no compensation, the association's volunteers who take on a variety of jobs, and the business community for their support.

> Last guests of the snowmobile season at Oakview Lodge and Marina head out before the snowmobile trails throughout the county closed. /Photos submitted by Haliburton County **Snowmobile Association**





At home for the summer ...



Out on the trails this past season, the HCSA reminds sledders to "ride your side, always."





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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING **CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

TAKE NOTICE THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Meeting pursant to Section 35 of the Planning Act, on:

DATE: Thursday, April 14, 2022

TIME: 9:00 AM

LOCATION: Due to the physical distancing requirements imposed as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held as an electronic hearing by way of a virtual meeting.

To Watch:

Members of the Public wishing to watch the meeting can do so by using the Meeting Live Stream Link: https://youtu.be/gFHX5w0d3-Q

To Participate:

Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the Public Meetings must:

- pre-register by emailing <u>admin@mindenhills.ca</u> by Wednesday April 13th before 4:00 PM
- or attend and register the morning of the meeting before 8:30 AM

Participants registering after 8:30 AM will not be permitted into the public meeting. Once registered, participants will automatically be placed in a holding room and brought into the meeting as permitted by the Chair.

To attend the Zoom meeting, type https://zoom.us/join in to your browser or dial the number below:

Telephone: 1-647-374-4685 or 1-647-558-0588

Webinar ID: 828 9994 6209

Passcode: 339651

Please Note:

We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting the township website at: https://www.mindenhills.ca/council/.

The live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in

The purpose of the Public Meeting will be to consider zoning by-law amendment application PLZBA2021090 pursuant to Section 35 of the Planning Act. The zoning by-law amendment application for Public Meeting is listed below:

PLZBA2021090 - Part Lot 16, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden, municipally known as 1544 Reynolds Road (see Key

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The subject property is currently zoned 'Rural Residential (RR)' and is located within the Rural designation of the Township's Official Plan. The applicant is requesting that the property be rezoned in order to permit a sleeping cabin to be located on the property.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street by appointment or at such time as the Township offices re-open and is available online at www.mindenhills.ca/ newsroom. For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at admin@mindenhills.ca or by phone at 705-286-1260 (ext.506).

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendments.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Land Tribunal

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the decision of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to a proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must submit a written request to the Township of Minden Hills. For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at admin@mindenhills.ca. ACCESSIBILITY: The Township of Minden Hills is committed to providing services as set out in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. If you have accessibility needs and require alternative formats or other accommodations, please contact the

PRIVACY DISCLOSURE: As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record and may be disclosed/made available by the Township as deemed appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Township with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

For more information about this matter contact admin@mindenhills.ca.

Trisha McKibbin

P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden ON, K0M 2K0

Chief Administrative Officer & Clerk



Bluebird day

What a day to be at the hill where double-digit temperatures were experienced at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride during the March Break week on Thursday, March 17 in Eagle Lake. Sir Sam's is looking to hold its Spring Splash on Saturday, March 26, but check for latest updates on their website. /DARREN LUM Staff

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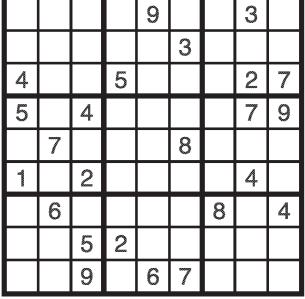
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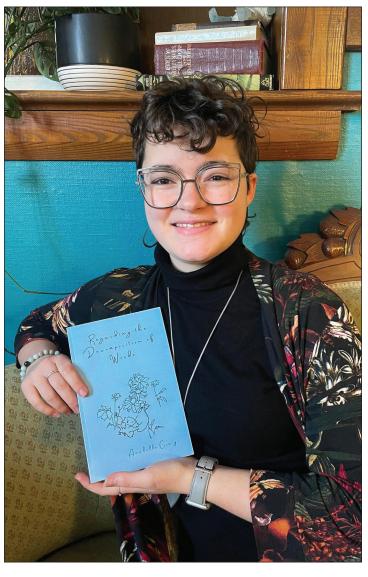
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Answers on page 16

GENERATIONS



/Photo by Olivia Humphries



Regarding Anabelle

Grade 12 HHSS student Anabelle Craig has written a book of poetry, Regarding the Decomposition of Words. She has readings booked at independent bookstores in Peterborough, Ottawa, Orillia and Orangeville as well as in elementary school classrooms, and is setting up a soft book launch at the high school. The book is available direct from author by contacting anabellewith1n@ gmail.com. /Photo submitted by Jenn Wanless-Craig

This page brought to you by staff and students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Warburton/Hawley Lot 15, Concession 8, Halls Lake Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 15, Concession 8, Halls Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 15, Concession 8, Halls Lake, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY:

THAT part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 15. Concession 8, described as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as 19R-10606.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the 7th day of April, 2022 and at that time, the Council will hear any person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

Dated: March 23rd, 2022

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Ott & Bierema Lot 7, Concession 3, Boshkung Lake Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 7, Concession 3, Boshkung Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton,

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FIRSTLY:

THAT part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 7. Concession 3, described as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as 19R-10618.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the 7th day of April, 2022 and at that time, the Council wiii near any person or by nis/ner counsei, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Bacchiochi Lot 6, Concession 10, Kabakwa Lake Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 6, Concession 10, Kabakwa Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton,

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THAT part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 6, Concession 10. described as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10616.

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HISTORY IN THE HIGHLANDS

Where's the evidence?

INCE OUR earliest days, Indigenous people, and later the local settlers, trapped and hunted for subsistence and for an extra source of income.

As Ontario's game laws evolved in the late 19th century, there was resistance to restrictions that defined hunting seasons, methods and bag limits.

In 1908, a teacher at a Maple Lake one room schoolhouse in Stanhope Township took issue with what he presumed was the illegal harvesting of deer, beaver and muskrat.

He wrote of his concerns to the authorities, and so the alleged offenders, including a local minister, were summoned to appear in police court in Minden. By this time, the com-

plainant was the former teacher.

This article in the Sept. 3, 1908 edition of the Lindsay Watchman-Warder describes their day in court, minus the teacher who was nowhere to be found.

"Minden Citizens In Police Court Re Violation Of Game

Much interest centered in a trial before Police Magistrate Fielding at Minden last week,

over the charges which had been laid by Mr. H. W. Hyland, late of the Maple Lake Public school, against several citizens said to have violated the game laws of Ontario. The information contained dates in each case and gave the names of at least two witnesses.

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History in the Highlands

Before the time of the trial, the court room was filled to overflowing, with people mostly from Stanhope and West Guilford, while Haliburton and Minden each were represented.

When the court was opened, Police Magistrate Fielding explained that notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Hyland was not present, he had instructions to proceed without the informant.



A Maple Lake Hunting Party. From left: Isaac Boice, **Durlen Rednor, Samuel** Rednor, George Clark, John Rednor, Hamilton Boyce. /Source: John Mueller

He felt that it was scarcely fair to do so but would take the evidence as it would seriously inconvenience to the parties if they had to attend again.

The first case called was that of Rev. Mr. Lloyd, who was charged with having venison in his possession on July 22, contrary to the law. Mr. Lloyd denied the charge and Mr. R.H. Dawson was called to the box. Being sworn, said he never saw any venison there at all, was not there on the date named and knew nothing about the matter.

Mr. Robert McBrien, next witness, who was supposed to have supplied the meat, being sworn, said he knew Mr. Lloyd and was at his place on July 22; knew Mr. Hyland, who was not there to his knowledge on that date. Did not see any venison at Mr. Lloyd's and did not supply any meat on that day. Being further questioned, said he had killed a sheep on July 28, and had taken some mutton to Mr. Lloyd, but did not take venison at any time. He had witness to prove the killing of

Mr. Lloyd confirmed the evidence, and added some very emphatic expressions concerning the one who laid the information, and who was not a resident, branding him as being little better than a tramp.

Mr. Wm. Boyce who was charged with having muskrat and beaver skins in his possession on June 2, said he was not home on that date, and had no beaver or rat skins in his possession, neither were there any on or about his premises.

Miss Alma Cooper being sworn, said she was at Mr. Wm. Boyce's on June 2, and did not see any skins or furs on that date or know of any at any time. Mr. Hyland was not there

Miss Hazel Boyce was called and Mr. Lloyd objected to her evidence being taken against her father, but Mr. Boyce had no objections, so she was sworn, and practically repeated the former evidence.

Mr. Durlen Rednor was charged with having beaver and muskrat fur in his possession on May 27, and promptly denied the charge.

Mrs. Henderson was the only witness called in this case. She said she was at Mr. Rednor's on May 27, and there were no skins around there on that date and none about the place.

Mr. Ben Sawyer, designated as 'Little Ben,' was also charged with having fur in his possession in contervention (sic) to the Act.

'Big Ben' Sawyer and Carmel Sawyer both swore that they saw no furs or knew of any at any time.

The magistrate read a letter in court wherein Mr. Hyland said these people told him they would, if charged, have to plead guilty, but in the face of the evidence taken, even if Mr. Hyland were there, he saw nothing else before him, but to dismiss the cases, which he accordingly did."

And so, everyone went home no poorer, proving that when neighbours get together, good things happen.

N.B. More good fortune ensued in the following weeks amongst this close knit group of Stanhope residents. Widower Durlen Rednor married the widow Mrs. Henderson and Rev. Mr. Lloyd officiated at the marriage of Miss Alma Cooper and Durlen's nephew Samuel Rednor.

PUBLIC NOTICE Applicant: Tantalo Lot 21, Concession 4 Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the shore road allowance in front of Lot 21, Concession 4, Beech Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

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Dated: March 23rd, 2022

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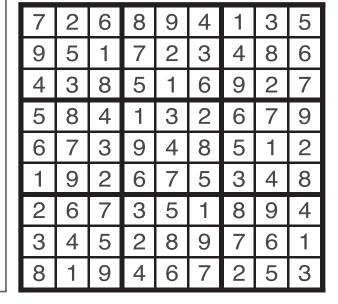
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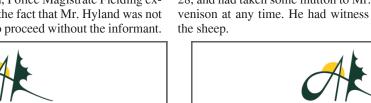
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PUBLIC NOTICE Applicant: Finley Lot 5, Concession 8, Lower Welch Lake Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 5, Concession 8, Lower Welch Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

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AROUND THE COUNTY TOWN



Front porch creativity

Snow bucket people made on March 16 by Violet and Carter Lowes on Murdoch Road in Minden. Their work includes mom and dad, grandma and grandpa and even Star the puppy. "Grandpa was involved, while I cheered on," said Kelly Harpley. "We watched them melt on Thursday. Kids got a kick when grandma's hat fell off, Saturday I lost my head!"/Photo submitted by Kelly Harpley



Beauty sky

Starting the day on Deep Bay Road last Friday morning at 7:15 a.m. /Photo by Robbie Stevenson



March Break adventure

The Switzer family explored crown land trails in Algonquin Highlands last week, drinking hot chocolate at an igloo built by their mom. /Photo by Kayla Switzer



Puddle ducks ...

Spring has arrived and these ducks know where the fun is at: in a puddle located on Rice Road in Minden. /Photo by Leanne Bowron



... and Puddles the duck

Puddles the duck has been waiting for this moment, while Memphis Switzer takes the bike out for a springtime spin in Algonquin Highlands. /Photo by Kayla Switzer

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County delivers zero increase

by Jerry Grozelle

In spite of increasing responsibilities handed down by the federal and provincial governments and the uncertainty about the financial impact of those obligations, Haliburton County has adopted a budget with no increase in taxes.

"I'm pleased that they were able to come up with a zero budget change, considering the new responsibilities they've had to budget for," said Anson, Hindon and Minden reeve Jeanne Anthon, "I think all the committees worked very hard to achieve that.

"We don't know what the impact of the new services are going to be yet," she added. So, if the county ends up in a deficit position, perhaps the provincial government is going to have to start opening that bag of money it has for us.

'I'm hoping all the municipalities will be able to achieve the same goal — zero budget change," she said. "I know



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we're aiming for that. But it's very difficult dealing with the unknown. We'll just have to do our best to provide a buffer for what the government is promising. I'm hoping that the provincial government won't have any expectations in a mid-year. I hope they take into consideration that municipalities have to budget well in advance and they should give us ample

The county roads department will suffer the biggest impact as a result of the budget

restraints. Some construction projects will have to be put on

Anthon says she is pleased that \$10,000 has been budgeted toward the strategic plan for

"That was one of our promises from the visioning process - that we would move ahead with the strategic plan, leading to an official plan," she said. 'The strategic planning process should be a great foundation for the official plan. I think most communities are leaning toward official plans and it's a process whereby the whole community can have in-

Dysart et al reeve and county warden Murray Fearrey said that being able to deliver a budget with zero increase was the main goal of the budget process.

'This year, although there's a little less money being expended on roads, there are really no major cuts in jobs or services," he said. "I would caution that there's really no space left for cuts. The county is about as lean as it can be.

"We've got so many changes coming in the next year it's too early to predict what the outcome will be.'

Although the budget meeting was advertised and open to the public, Fearrey said this was the third year in a row that nobody from the public attended to voice any concerns.

"This was the third year we've had public meetings," he

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Services not yet on block

Hospital budgets headed into deficit

by Andrew Milne

Unsettling shifts in budget numbers have the health board casting around for savings again.

But cuts in services at the hospitals aren't going to be the first place they'll look, say the board and its administration.

Executive director Foster Loucks says that though the board did originally reinstate 24 hour coverage in Minden's emergency ward with the understanding that it might have to rescind it in the face of financial setbacks, he feels the stability and community confidence the move has evoked make it worth their while to work that much harder to keep it

Says Loucks, "In making the decision we did in September, we have given the local people - particularly in the Minden community and the area the assurance that there was going to be a service that they could count on through the winter. We provided that, and I think people are satisfied with that Hospital construction may start this summer — see page 17 –

service. And it's taken some of the doubt away - and with that doubt some of the negativity, some of the scepticism over what we're trying to do. We've taken that off of the front page, and people have been able to kind of get on with their lives. That in and of itself doesn't put anything extra into our coffers, but it does indirectly."

Board chair Hugh Nichol says the board also sees it as practical at least to suspend making a decision on such issues for a few months. Nichol says there are a number of reasons for doing so, but paramount is the fact that the organization will have its final audit done then, and will have year end numbers - the hospitals' fiscal year ends at the end of this month.

Both Loucks and Nichol also emphasized that the feeling is that the board can't operate the hospitals at peak efficiency until the new facilities are constructed

anyway - something that may well begin as early as this summer (see related story — page 17). So the financial setback, while worrisome, might well be purely a short-term phenomenon.

Minden hospital has already sustained severe staffing cuts, and is currently operating at one doctor and one nurse. The in-patient wing has long been closed, and there are no plans to reopen it.

Nichol acknowledged also that though they're adopting a wait-and-see attitude, the news sitting a little uneasily with the board. They're a young organization, with no reserves, and have just received news that next year's transfer from the Ministry of Health will be cut by over five per cent. After the numbers rolled in for the end of December, the board was looking at an accumulated deficit for the year of \$35,000. Projecting roughly, the year end debt might be from \$50,000 to \$100,000, he says.

Nichol says the range in the projections, and the

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